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PAPER 3 The Apostolic Age

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3 hours

Additional materials: Answer paper

TIME 3 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/ answer booklet.

Answer four questions.

Answer at least **one** question from each section.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

Where there are differences in quotations from the Bible,

RSV indicates Revised Standard Version,

NIV indicates New International Version.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.



Section A

1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians

Answer at least **one** question from this section. If you choose question **1**, answer in **one** version only.

1 Comment on points of interest or difficulty in **four** of the following, with brief reference to the general context:

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

- (a) For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)
- (b) Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival... (1 Corinthians 5:7-8a)
- (c) For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. (1 Corinthians 11:29)
- (d) The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.(1 Corinthians 15:47-48)
- (e) For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

(1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

(f) And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16b-17)

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

- (a) Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)
- (b) Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival...

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8a)

- (c) For anyone who eats and drinks without recognising the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1 Corinthians 11:29)
- (d) The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47-48)
- (e) For they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

(1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

(f) And the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. (1 Thessalonians 4:16b-17)

- **3** Examine Paul's teaching on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual Christian and the church.
- 4 Give a critical assessment of Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians on marriage and relations between the sexes.

Section B

Answer at least **one** question from this section.

- **5** Compare the contribution made by Stephen and James, the brother of Jesus, to the development of the doctrine and the mission of the early church.
- **6** Discuss the problems which arise when a comparison is made of the contents of Acts and the epistles you have studied for this paper.
- 7 Account for the apparent hostility of Paul to the Law of Moses.
- **8** To what extent was the teaching on the person and work of Christ in Colossians and Hebrews prompted by the need to counter heresy and false doctrine?
- **9** How far were Paul and James in agreement on the doctrinal foundations and the ethical ideals of the Christian faith?
- **10** How serious were the threats to the unity of the church in this period, and how successful were its leaders in dealing with them?

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